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(SBU) On July 29, Poloff met To Anh Tuan and Ngo Thi Xuan Ha of the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of International Organizations to deliver Reftel points on a way forward on the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE). Toan said Hanoi's consistent position on UN peacekeeping missions has been that they must have the consent of all parties (including the countries carrying out the peacekeeping) involved. As current UNSC President, Hanoi asked UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to work with the Eritrean and Ethiopian sides to "find an acceptable solution," Toan stated. Vietnam never supports solutions that are "imposed on countries," he added.

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